



Clinton Presidential Library

1200 President Clinton Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72201

Inventory for FOIA Request 2019-0460-F

Records relating to AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP)

Extent

24 folders, approximately 2,326 pages

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. Chapter 22, as amended) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552, as amended) and therefore records may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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Provenance

Official records of William Jefferson Clinton's presidency are housed at the Clinton Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2019. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2019-0460-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material.

AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) is an AIDS advocacy organization formed in 1987 by author and activist Larry Kramer. The original founding chapter of the organization is ACT UP New York. Over time, additional ACT UP chapters formed in cities such as Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, and San Francisco.

Materials responsive to this FOIA request include correspondence and emails referencing AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, often stylized as ACT UP or ACTUP. Emails in this collection specifically concern news releases, news articles, and online newsletters regarding ACT UP demonstrations, primarily by ACT UP New York, ACT UP DC (Washington, DC), ACT UP Philadelphia, and ACT UP San Francisco. Additional emails in this collection pertain to White House staff discussions of ACT UP demonstrations.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas— Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM): Alpha Files, Clinton Presidential Records: ARMS Emails, and Clinton Presidential Records: TRP Emails.

The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Alpha file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management from 1993 – 1996 and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events.

WHORM files are processed at the document level.

The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential email. The ARMS database is comprised of seven sub-series of email records called "buckets." The buckets generally represent a specific White House office. The buckets are titled: NPR for National Performance Review, OPD for Office of Policy Development, POTUS for President of the United States, WHO for White House Office, CEA for Council of Economic Advisers, NSC for National Security Council, and Default for emails not associated with an office.

The NPR bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Performance Review (NPR) White House user account. The OPD bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Office of Policy Development (OPD) White House user account. The POTUS bucket was designated for email created and received by the President of the United States (POTUS). Please note that President Clinton never used his POTUS White House user account to send the few emails he wrote while in office. The WHO bucket contains email created or received by an individual with an Executive Office of the President White House user account not identified as CEA, NPR, or OPD. The CEA bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) White House user account. The NSC bucket contains email created or received by an individual with a National Security Council (NSC) user account. The Default bucket contains email created or received by unknown or un-recognized email accounts. Email found within the Default bucket often includes email created or received by offices or individuals outside the Executive Office of the President. ARMS email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date.

The Tape Restoration Project (TRP) is a database consisting of restored emails from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) from July 1994 through June of 2000. The TRP is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential record email. The TRP database is comprised of the same seven sub-series of email as in ARMS. TRP email are arranged by topic, there-under by bucket, and there-under chronologically by creation date.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2019-0460-F:

Box 1

Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM): Alpha Files

[AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power] [OA/ID 12450]

Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]

OPD [OA/ID 250000]

[ACTUP...]

[08/11/1994 – 07/28/1999]
[07/29/1999]
[08/02/1999] [1]
[08/02/1999] [2]
[08/17/1999 – 08/19/1999]
[09/02/1999 – 02/14/2000]
[02/16/2000 – 04/24/2000]

Box 2

[04/27/2000 – 12/27/2000]
[ACT UP]
[05/09/1994 – 10/24/2000]

WHO [OA/ID 500000]

[ACTUP...]

[03/04/1993 – 06/11/1996]
[06/12/1996 – 02/27/1999]
[05/26/1999 – 07/24/2000]

[ACT UP]

[03/04/1993 – 08/17/2000]

Default [OA/ID 1100000]

[ACTUP...]

[12/09/1993 – 12/09/1999]
[01/05/2000 – 12/27/2000]

Box 3

[ACT UP]

[07/21/1997 – 12/01/2000]

Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) [Email]

OPD [OA/ID 250000]

[ACTUP...]

[04/23/1998 – 06/06/1998]

[ACT UP]

[03/16/1998 – 11/20/1998]

WHO [OA/ID 500000]

[ACTUP...]

[06/05/1998]

Default [OA/ID 1100000]

[ACTUP...]

[03/20/1997 – 05/05/1998]
[05/26/1998 – 11/04/1998]

Clinton Presidential Records: Tape Restoration Project (TRP) [Email] (continued)

[11/06/1998 – 02/09/1999]

[ACT UP]

[05/18/1997 – 10/30/1998]

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